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THE FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION HELPS VETERANS GET A SOUND START IN FARMING

Under its regular farm ownership and rural rehabilitation programs, the Farm Security Administration is extending credit and on-the-farm, individual guidance in farm management to qualified veterans of World War II.

By the end of 1944, nearly 6,000 War II veterans had applied to Farm Security for assistance. They were not interested in large-scale, commercial farming operations but wanted to get a sound start on family-size farm units which would provide a good living for themselves and their families.

Most of the veterans sought rehabilitation (operating) loans to buy seed, feed, livestock, fertilizer, farm machinery and equipment, and preliminary family living needs. Rehabilitation loans totaling $1,668,278 had been made to 1,328 veterans, and 294 received supplemental rehabilitation loans totaling $170,315.

Fifty-six farm ownership loans to veterans, amounting to $291,909 in all, had also been approved. Some applications had to be turned down because of the lack of loan funds in some areas, the funds being distributed among the States on the basis of farm population and the prevalence of tenancy. Moreover, in some States, rising land values have prevented FSA from making more than a few farm ownership loans, since these loans are made only for farms that are priced on the basis of the long-time earning capacity of the land.

Many applications for farm ownership or rehabilitation loans are under consideration. All of the FSA loans made to veterans through the end of 1944 were approved prior to the time farm loan guaranty provisions of the GI Bill of Rights became operative. Farm Security will continue to assist veterans under its regular programs. FSA loans will have no connection with the GI Bill guarantees.

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SURVEY OF WORLD WAR II VETERANS APPLYING FOR AND RECEIVING FSA LOANS
(CUMULATIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1944)

States	Rural Rehabilitation Loans			Farm Ownership Loans		Total Applications 2/	Total Loans Approved 3/
	No. of Applications	No. Original Loans Approved	No. Supplemental Loans Approved	Number of Applications	No. Loans Approved		
48 States 1/	3,955	1,328	294	1,614	56	5,569	1,678
Region I	140	60	13	44	2	184	75
Connecticut	3	2	1	5	1		
Deleware	0	0	0	0	0		
Maine	20	14	2	1	1		
Maryland	8	6	2	1	0		
Massachusetts	4	1	0	4	0		
New Hampshire	7	4	1	2	0		
New Jersey	9	4	0	3	0		
New York	53	19	6	10	0		
Pennsylvania	31	9	1	16	0		
Rhode Island	0	0	0	1	0		
Vermont	5	1	0	1	0		
Region II	321	148	20	40	1	361	169
Michigan	67	29	5	15	0		
Minnesota	145	60	7	14	0		
Wisconsin	109	59	8	11	1		
Region III	791	260	44	158	5	949	309
Illinois	102	33	1	14	0		
Indiana	131	20	3	55	1		
Iowa	202	85	12	13	0		
Missouri	288	95	22	58	3		
Ohio	68	27	6	18	1		

1/ No report from several counties.
2/ Does not include 57 applications from War II veterans for water facilities and flood and windstorm loans.
3/ Does not include 14 water facilities and flood and windstorm loans made to War II veterans.

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Region IV	325	108	38	274	7	599	153
Kentucky	100	43	16	42	1		
North Carolina	86	25	7	112	0		
Tennessee	88	20	9	64	4		
Virginia	20	4	5	17	1		
West Virginia	31	16	1	39	1		
Region V	255	52	20	323	14	578	86
Alabama	90	15	9	122	9		
Florida	43	18	5	27	0		
Georgia	94	13	6	124	2		
South Carolina	28	6	0	50	3		
Region VI	487	86	40	303	15	790	141
Arkansas	199	42	19	105	3		
Louisiana	96	14	5	45	2		
Mississippi	192	30	16	153	10		
Region VII	405	199	29	26	0	431	228
Kansas	113	52	8	4	0		
Nebraska	90	46	5	5	0		
North Dakota	90	34	3	13	0		
South Dakota	112	67	13	4	0		
Region VIII	605	203	35	221	8	826	246
Oklahoma	366	115	24	97	1		
Texas	239	88	11	124	7		
Region IX	79	32	5	26	0	105	37
Arizona	10	4	1	2	0		
California	47	18	1	22	0		
Nevada	5	1	0	0	0		
Utah	17	9	3	2	0		

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Region X	193	67	19	36	2	229	88
Colorado	97	29	11	22	0		
Montana	56	19	3	12	2		
Wyoming	40	19	5	2	0		
Region XI	112	37	8	22	1	134	46
Idaho	39	18	0	2	0		
Oregon	47	10	3	15	1		
Washington	26	9	5	5	0		
Region XII	186	45	9	47	0	233	54
New Mexico	41	6	3	6	0		
Oklahoma	5	2	0	2	0		
Texas	140	37	6	39	0		
Puerto Rico	56	31	14	94	1	150	46
Virgin Islands 4/							
Hawaii 4/							

4/ No activity in Hawaii, Virgin Islands; no report from Alaska.